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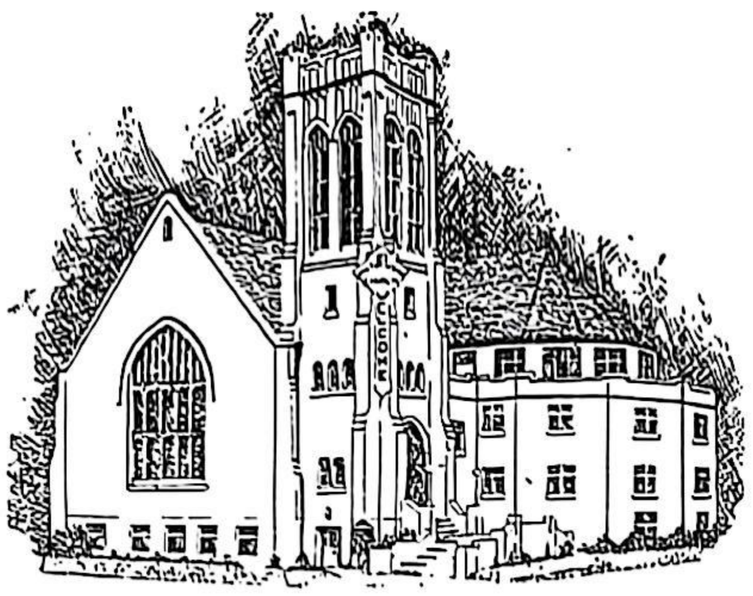

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ORDER OF SERVICES, SUNDAY, JAN. 21, 1940

Morning Worship at 10:45 O'Clock

Silent Prayer as Each Enters Pew.

Preparation for Worship.

The Hymn Chime: "The Morning Light Is Breaking."

"Song" ---------- Bairstow
"Pastorale" ---------- Whitlock
"Largo" ---------- Handel

Processinal Hymne No. 304.

Choral Call to Worship.

Invocation and Lord's Prayer (Standing).

Gloria Patri (Standing).

The Prayer of Confession (Together Bowing Down)

Gracious Father, meeting with Thee in Thy Holiness in this morning hour convicts us of the sin that darkens our inner lives. O that we could be reborn like the morning. For even as we seek to commune with thee shadows from our past dim the joy of our aspiration. We remember our thoughtless lives, our impatient tempers, our selfish aims; and yet we know that thou hast neither made us blind like the creatures that have no sin, nor left us without holy guidance—thy still, small voice speaking in our inmost conscience, and thine Own Word, having dwelt among us full of grace and truth, appealing to us to choose the better part. O make us to see all our sin as Thou dost see it, and accept now our humble confession made with sorrow and repentance for the evil that has been ours, with sincere desire that we may be changed in the us by Thy Grace, through Christ our Lord: Amen

The Assurance of Pardon.....The Minister

Anthem: "Psalm CL, 'Praise Ye the Lord'" ..... Franck

Scripture Reading: Hosea 4:1-9.

Pastoral Prayer with Organ Response.

Hymn No. 302: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation."

(Congregation rises with the Choir.)

Offertory: "Cavatina" .....Raff

The Doxology (Congregation rises as ushers present offering.)

Quartette: "Blessed Art Thou O Lord"

Mrs. Wayland Hicks — Mrs. J. M. Gantz
Mr. Henry Hedeen — Mr. C. I. Kapphahn

Meditation Hymn:

SERMON: "Has the Church Failed?"

A Response to the "Fortune" editorial, "The Church in America." Hosea 4:9: "And it shall be like people, like priest."

A Prayer.

Hymn No. 310: "O Where Are Kings and Empires Now?"

Benediction and Silent Prayer (Seated).

Choral Response. Chime Amen (Seated).

Postlude: "Fanfare" .....Dubois

Evening Worship at 7:30 O'Clock

Organ Prelude:

"Nachtstuck" ---------- Schumann
"Song" ---------- Nevin

Call to Worship.

Invocation and Lord's Prayer (Seated).

The Hymn Service: "To God the Father."

The Service Hymnal Nos. 56, 3, 54.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139.

Evening Prayer.

Solo: "The Twenty-thrd Psalm"...Andrews
Florence Adams.

Offertory: "Berceuse" .....Delbruck

Hymn No. 51: "God Will Take Care of You."

SERMON: "The Inescapable God."

Psalm 139:7: "Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit, or whither shall I flee from Thy Presence?'

Hymn No. 42: "God Be with You."

Benediction and Silent Prayer.

Reverent Quiet is requested of each worshipper upon entering the sanctuary

The Pastor's Column

The widespread interest aroused in the January issue of "Fortune' magazine, entitled "The Church in America," calls for a response from our Christian pulpits. I shall, therefore, make such a response in my sermon Sunday morning. Apropos of the criticism in the editorial of the inconsistency the Church has shown dealing with the war issue, we print herewith a statement prepared in July, 1939, by an international conference of lay experts and ecumenical leaders convened by the Provisional Committee of the World Council of Churches. It represents the sane thinking of the ecumenical Church on this issue.

A Significant Church Pronouncement

We should hardly remain within the limits of biblical promise if we expected that within this sinful world the nations of the earth could ever be a perfectly harmonious family of nations, entirely governed by the spirit of love. But we do believe that, even in the hard impersonal world of states, certain basic principles can and should be the standards of order and conduct. Among these principles must be included the equal dignity of all men, respect for human life, acknowledgment of the solidarity for good and evil of all nations and races of the earth, respect for the plighted world, and the recognition that power of any kind, political or economic, must be co-extensive with responsibility. It is true that the proclamation and the acknowledgment of these principles does not as such solve one single concrete political problem. Nevertheless these principles, if Christians are resolved to make them the basis of their political action, may have much effect and meaning in the present chaotic situation where all such standards are being abandoned.

While it is our Christian faith which urges us to adhere to these principles; they are of such a character that many who do not profess the Christian faith will respond with cordial assent.

We do not forget that the Church can never be satisfied with urging such directions upon all its members. It has a greater message for the world, the word of redemption and eternal life. But this message will not be taken seriously if the Church does not earnestly impress upon its members the standards of political conduct which are derived from Christianity.

We must recognize that the rule of law cannot become a reality so long as the way is known to be open for resort to violence. It is for the international community to remove this insecurity by providing an effective deterrent against the use of force. For this purpose it is not sufficient for nations to renounce the use of violence on their own part. They have also a duty as good neighbors to take their share of the responsibility for maintaining good order in the international community. The full discharge of this responsibility will require that the collective will of the community shall be used to secure the necessary changes in the interest of justice, to the same extent that it is used to secure the protection of nations against violence. As to the use of force in this connection we are not agreed.

Tasks in Time of War

1. Preaching and prayer should be truly Chrisition. Prayer must not degenerate into a means of national propaganda. While we may not forget our sense of solidarity with our own people and our loyalty to our respective nations, preaching must not seek to create hatred of other nations. War should not be presented as a holy crusade, but preaching should call men to repentance for a common sin, and urge the righteousness of God's Kingdom.

2. Brotherly relations between the churches should be maintained. The pressure of censorship, of official propaganda, and of the whole system of psychological mobilization will be so great that it will be exceedingly difficult for the churches to keep in touch with each other across the frontiers. We cannot now propose definite plans, but techniques can be developed through church leaders in neutral countries for the maintenance of some contacts between churches in warring lands.

3. The churches should work, in such ways as are open to them, for a just peace. They should seek to counteract the spirit of vengeance and the lust for power. Mass hatred is difficult to check, but the churches must make the effort. Groups of churchmen may meet to work out suggestions for a just and lasting peace.

4. The churches should guard against becoming agencies for the propaganda of hatred, especially since the use of such propaganda by official church bodies or by ministers of religion tends to give it authority and the sanction of religion.

5. The churches should minister to prisoners of war, discourage reprisals against them, face the refugee problem and aid people dislocated by war.

6. The churches should give such spiritual help and comfort to the victims of war's tragedies as they alone can give.

7. Christians should show in their own lives a willingness to share the blame for the sin of war, and that each should reveal in the carrying of his cross a gratitude for God's redeeming love.

For the Christian to accept a counsel of despair when difficulties increase and chaos threatens is to deny faith. We believe that God presides over the destinies of nations as well as of individuals. When men in the grip of fear tend to rely upon their own unaided strength and wisdom, the churches must proclaim bodily that fact as a judgment, as a warning, and also as the basis of their faith and hope. The event is with God and he that doeth the will of God shall stand in the power of his might.

A Request from Our Pastor

Our little son Edward joined the Fellowship Above, Thursday, January 18. While we would not give up hope, we were well prepared. Mrs. Stimson and I have felt that we should let all our friends in the Church know of a desire that is in our hearts. We ask that none of you send flowers. We appreciate the innumerable kindnesses you have shown during his long illness, more than words can convey. They have been

more than enough. If you insist upon doing more, please send the amount it would cost to the Church Office marked for the Deaconess Fund that it may be given to the needy in Edward's name.

Services will be held in the Church Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

A Worthy Cause—Give!

A most worthwhile appeal has come to us from the University of Dubuque. As a part of the Sesquicentennial Campaign of the Board of Christian Education, this Iowa college has undertaken to raise $200,000 to free themselves from debt. They received a $25,000 challenge gift on condition that the balance be raised by January 30, 1940. By latest reports, they have only $19,949.93 left to raise.

The University of Dubuque, composed of a liberal arts college and a small seminary, was established to give higher education to promising immigrant young people. It has become the training school for leaders from National Missions groups as well—especially Alaskans and American Indians. When a young German, Franz Cohrt, who used to worship with us in our Church, faced an impasse in Sioux City, we were able to send him to the University of Dubuque, whence he will graduate this spring to be a teacher of history. A word from us and President Dale D. Welch made it possible for him to work his way. Many will remember Dr. Welch's visit to us three years ago.

We are not asking for a special offering in Church. Some will wish to give more largely than such an offering would produce, so the Session voted to make this appeal. If you are interested, please call Dr. Stimson at once, or send your check to the Church office.

Tuxis

Our meeting room this week will be a court room scene. Our minutes of meetings and activities is to be the prisoner on trial for his life. Judge Persinger will call the court to order. The attorneys in charge are: for the defense, D. Pelton, and the prosecution, H. Johnson. From the testimony of various witnesses, the court will determine the fate of the prisoner.

Young People

It takes more than one person to handle the subject we have chosen for this week. (More than one meeting, too, so we have to

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cut each other off.) A panel discussion is the plan with Al Dietrich acting as the pilot and Nell Cowles, Wanda Brown, Bob Rae and Jim Kifer as speakers. Questions and points for discussion will be brought into the meeting at any point and the entire procedure will be very informal. The topic is "Mental Health," and is one that every young person is interested in. Come down at 8:45 and join us. Bring any good ideas or questions along for you'll have a chance to bring them up.

Church School

Basket Ball is grand sport on the sidelines as well as on the floor. You miss a good game and lots of fun when you don't see the boys play. Friendly Indians play at 10:30 this Saturday,Pioneers at 3:50 and the Comrades at 5:10. The hours are bad this week, but the games will be good. See you at the Y. M. Saturday, January 20.

Junior Department of the Church School has quite a scramble on Sunday mornings to see who gets the most folks on time and in their places, the boys or the girls. The last two, the girls have brought two new girls. How about it, boys; are they going to get the best of you that way?

A pianist at last! Marjorie Hollar is going to play for the singing in the Junior Department so Mrs. McDonald will have more time to do other things. With a song leader from the group, Mrs. McDonald free and Marjorie at the piano, the Juniors are going to have some grand times down there.

Women's Society

The general meeting of the Women's Society will meet on Friday, January 26, at 2:00 p. m. A 1:00 o'clock luncheon will precede the meeting with the Harriet Jenkins Circle acting as hostesses. It is important to make your reservations through your Circle Chairman not later than Thursday noon, January 25.

An interesting program has been planned by the May Hamilton Circle. Devotions: Mrs. S. D. Blythe. Mrs. E. A. Roadman will speak on the subject, "To Be a Woman in This World." Mrs. Roadman is the wife of the President of Morningside College and is a very interesting speaker.

The May Hamilton will have a Bake Sale. Plan to buy your week-end supplies from them.

Personals

We rejoice with Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Mackey on the birth of a baby daughter at the Methodist Hospital on January 14.

Beverly Wernli, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Wernli, is under observation at the Methodist Hospital.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY

9:30—Church School.
10:45—Morning Worship.
6:30—Tuxis Endeavor.
7:30—Evening Horship.
8:45—Young People.

FRIDAY

11:00—Deaconess Meeting.
1:00—Women's Society.
7:30—Choir Rehearsal.

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